



MINUTES

Wasatch Front Regional Council
October 22, 2020

Commissioner Bob Stevenson, Chair, called the meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council to order at 2:04 p.m. on Thursday, October 22, 2020. The meeting was held via remote connection, due to the safety restrictions put in place by the Utah Governor's Office, in response to COVID-19 concerns, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The following were present:

WFRC COUNCIL MEMBERS - 2020			
BOX ELDER COUNTY	Yes/No	Alternates / Others in attendance:	
Member - Jeff Scott	yes	Kristie Overson, Taylorsville City Mayor	
Alternate – Tyler Vincent	no	Jo Sjoblom, South Weber City Mayor	
DAVIS COUNTY MEMBERS		Richard Hyer, Ogden City Council	
Len Arave	yes	Robert Hale, Midvale Mayor; Kane Loader, City Mgr	
Mark Shepherd	yes	Clint Smith, Herriman City Council	
Randy Lewis	yes	Dirk Burton, West Jordan City Mayor	
Bob Stevenson	yes	Karen Lang, West Valley City Council	
MORGAN COUNTY		Ryan Beck, Envision Utah	
Member - Tina Cannon	yes	Ivan Marrero, FHWA	
Alternate - Robert Kilmer	no	Jacey Skinner, SL Chamber	
Alternate - Mike Newton	no	Mary DeLoretto, UTA	
SALT LAKE COUNTY MEMBERS		Andrea Olson, UDOT	
Jenny Wilson	no	Tim Rees, KHSA	
Erin Mendenhall	yes	Russel Weeks	
Troy Walker	no	Kyler Brower, Christian Mower, Jay Baker,	
Michael Jensen	yes	Anders Hart, Hannah Pack, Steve Van Maren	
Jeff Silvestrini	yes		
Robert Dahle	yes		
Ron Bigelow	yes	WFRC Staff: Andrea Pearson,	
Derk Timothy	yes	Ned Hacker, Kip Billings, Julie Bjornstad,	
TOOELE COUNTY		Rosie Hernandez, Christy Dahlberg,	
Member - Shawn Milne	yes	Josh Reynolds, Andrew Gruber, Ted Knowlton,	
Alternate – Debbie Winn	yes	Hugh Van Wagenen, Nikki Navio, Katie Gerard,	
WEBER COUNTY MEMBERS		Lauren Victor, Ben Wuthrich, Wayne Bennion,	
Scott Jenkins	yes	Megan Townsend, Loveit Baumgardner	
Jim Harvey	yes	Jeannie Lambert, Penna Powers/WFRC	
Mark Allen	yes	Justin Smart, Penna Powers/WFRC	
Mike Caldwell	no		
UDOT & UTA		NON-VOTING MEMBERS	
Member - Carlos Braceras, UDOT	no	Lorene Kamalu, UAC	yes
Alternate - Teri Newell, UDOT	no	Dawn Ramsey, ULCT	yes
Member - Carlton Christensen, UTA Board of Trustees	no	Ari Bruening, Envision Utah	no
Alternate - Beth Holbrook, UTA Board of Trustees	no	Gregg Buxton, State Senate	no
Alternate - Kent Millington, UTA Board of Trustees	no	Mike Schultz, State House of Reps	yes
		Evan Curtis – Utah State Planning	yes

Welcome [00:00:10]

Commissioner Bob Stevenson welcomed Wasatch Front Regional Council members and guests and introductions were made via roll call.

1. Consent Agenda [00:02:37]

1a. ACTION: Minutes

Commissioner Stevenson requested a motion on the minutes of the WFRC meeting held August 27, 2020. Commissioner Jim Harvey made a motion to approve the minutes, and Mayor Randy Lewis seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

1b. ACTION: Financial Statements

Commissioner Stevenson requested a motion on the financial statements. Mayor Jeff Silvestrini made a motion to approve the Check Registers for July and August 2020, and the current Budget/Expenditure Report. Councilmember Michael Jensen seconded the motion and the financial statements were accepted unanimously.

2. Chair's Report [00:04:14]

2a. ACTION: WFRC Nominating Committee

Commissioner Stevenson acknowledged and thanked outgoing members Councilmember Michael Jensen (remarks at [00:05:13]) and Commissioner Shawn Milne (remarks at [00:06:56]). [00:11:20] The WFRC Bylaws state that every two years (in even-numbered years), the Chair appoints a nominating committee to identify and nominate the Council Chair and Vice Chair. The nominating committee also makes recommendations for other committee chairs and vice chairs. The nominating committee includes one representative from each of the six WFRC counties. The Council will vote at the January 2021 meeting to elect a new chair and vice-chair for the upcoming 2021/2022 Council. Those appointed:

- Box Elder County: Commissioner Stan Summers
- Davis County: Commissioner Bob Stevenson
- Morgan County: Councilmember Tina Cannon
- Salt Lake County: Mayor Jeff Silvestrini
- Tooele County: Commissioner Shawn Milne
- Weber County: Mayor Mike Caldwell

2b. WFRC Funding Programs timeline reminder

Wayne Bennion and Megan Townsend, both with WFRC, noted that letters of intent for the STP, CMAQ, TAP, and TLC programs were due September 30, 2020. A list of the letters of intent that have been received was emailed to Council membership on October 9, 2020. If a project you expected to see was missing from this list, please contact **no later than October 23, 2020**, Ben Wuthrich at (801) 363-4250 x1121 (construction project) or Megan Townsend at (801) 363-4250 x1101 (planning project). These programs include:

- Surface Transportation Program (STP)
- Congestion Mitigation-Air Quality (CMAQ)
- Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
- Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC)
- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD)

WFRC anticipates awarding \$40 to \$45 million in funding and technical assistance to recipients.

3. Public Comment [00:16:35]

Commissioner Bob Stevenson opened the meeting for public comment. There were no public comments.

4. Regional Growth Committee (RGC) [00:17:03]

Mayor Dawn Ramsey, RGC Chair, briefly reviewed the outcomes of the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) meeting held on October 8, 2020.

4a. Wasatch Choice implementation resources and events

Mayor Ramsey acknowledged the success of the recent conference of the Utah League of Cities and Towns and noted that the Wasatch Choice vision was highlighted throughout. Another topic that was discussed dealt with potential issues the region could face relating to growth and COVID-19, and ideas and resources were shared that will help begin conversations around community-level growth. Council members were shown the newly created Wasatch Choice video, that includes comments from Mayor Ramsey and Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, which was also shared at the conference. [00:30:29] Ted Knowlton, WFRC, reviewed the Wasatch Choice Vision (Vision), which is the foundation for the formal 2019-2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The land use and economic development ideas in the Vision have become the assumed growth patterns that the RTP seeks to implement. WFRC staff will be discussing several ideas including this implementation, the challenges of addressing Utah's rapid growth, impacts of COVID-19, and Senate Bill 34 with communities, during the upcoming Wasatch Choice workshops.

5. Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com) [00:36:44]

Commissioner Jeff Scott, Trans Com Chair, informed the Council that for the first time in a long time, there are no Board Modifications to review nor approve. Kip Billings, WFRC, presented an air quality update, by sharing information about carbon monoxide attainment, impacts of COVID-19, and anticipated challenges related to ozone. [00:51:53] Andrew Gruber, WFRC, invited Mayor Erin Mendenhall, who is a member of the Department of Air Quality Board, to share her thoughts.

6. Budget Committee [00:53:55]

Commissioner Shawn Milne, WFRC Budget Committee Chair, discussed with the Council the items that were reviewed in the Budget Committee meeting held on October 8, 2020.

6a. PUBLIC HEARING and ACTION: Amend the WFRC FY21 Budget [00:55:07]

Loveit Baumgardner, WFRC, reminded the Council that each October, WFRC closes the financial books on the previous fiscal year; this includes verifying the final expenditures, and determining what expenditures and revenues will carry forward from the previous fiscal year (FY20) into the current fiscal year (FY21). WFRC routinely carries forward funding for projects that are multi-year in nature; i.e., a project may be fully budgeted in the first year, but the work is conducted over two or more years, and the associated expenditures and revenues are therefore carried forward into the next fiscal year. This requires an amendment to the current fiscal year (FY21) budget.

As WFRC completed FY20 and the final expenditures were reviewed, actual spending came in lower than budgeted by \$2,306,817. This resulted mainly from spending on some contractual items that occurred more slowly than was budgeted. As a result, the amount of funds that carried forward from FY20 into FY21 was higher than was budgeted, resulting in an increase in the FY21 budget as some spending shifts from FY20 to FY21. The majority of the funds and projects carried forward from FY20 to FY21 are for Transportation and Land Use Connection (TLC) Program projects.

There are also two new programs that have been added since the Council adopted its FY21 budget in May 2020, both reflecting federal funding from the CARES Act.

- Funding for CDBG CV Business Assistance is being passed through Weber County for the purpose of awarding grants to small businesses adversely affected by the COVID19 pandemic in Morgan, Tooele, and Weber (not including Ogden) counties (these are the "non-entitlement" areas in WFRC's jurisdiction). WFRC received a sub-award in the amount of \$29,990 to assist with administering this program.

- WFRC received a grant from the Economic Development Administration to assist local communities with economic recovery efforts needed due to the COVID19 pandemic.

[00:57:20] Commissioner Milne made a motion to open a public hearing regarding amending the WFRC FY21 Budget. Mayor Jeff Silvestrini seconded the motion. The affirmative vote was unanimous. Commissioner Bob Stevenson asked if there were any comments or questions related to the items discussed. There were none. **[00:58:40]** Commissioner Stevenson then made a motion to close the public hearing, Mayor Jeff Silvestrini seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative. **[00:58:54]** Commissioner Bob Stevenson requested a motion to amend the WFRC FY21 Budget. Mayor Jeff Silvestrini made the motion and Commissioner Shawn Milne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

6a. ACTION: Acceptance of WFRC Audit Report for FY20 [00:59:35]

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, introduced Tim Rees, with Karren, Hendrix, Stagg, Allen & Company, who provided information regarding WFRC's FY20 Audit Report. Mr. Rees stated that overall, it was a positive report. There were no material misstatements nor discrepancies. There were no findings of non-compliance related to financial statements. A summary of the audit results may be found on page 45 of the report. **[01:00:55]** Commissioner Stevenson requested a motion that the Council accept the WFRC FY20 Audit Report as presented. Mayor Randy Lewis made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shawn Milne, and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

7. Active Transportation Committee (ATC) report [01:01:30]

Mayor Jo Sjoblom, Chair of the Active Transportation Committee, reported on the outcomes of the last meeting of the ATC, held on October 14, 2020.

8. Executive Director Report [01:09:59]

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, provided a federal and state legislative update. Mr. Gruber announced that Megan Townsend has been promoted internally to be WFRC's Community and Economic Development Director, as Scott Hess has moved on to another opportunity. Mr. Gruber also noted that the WFRC Meeting Schedule for 2021 was included in the meeting materials, and as of now the meetings will continue to be held remotely.

9. Other Business [01:15:25]

Commissioner Bob Stevenson reminded the group that the next Council meeting will be on January 28, 2021 and asked if there were any other items to discuss.

10. Adjournment [01:15:32]

As there were no other items brought forward, Commissioner Stevenson requested a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Scott Jenkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mayor Randy Lewis seconded. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative, and the meeting adjourned at 3:19pm.